Assembly

A school assembly is held (usually) in weeks 5 and 10 of each term, however there are occasions where rescheduling is required - this term our assemblies are in weeks 6 & 11. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Children are given the opportunity to present class items &/or work and teachers present awards earned during the term. At each assembly, classroom teachers will present Bronze Awards for students who have demonstrated outstanding academic, sporting, citizenship or character development throughout that five week academic period.

Assemblies are scheduled for Mondays in 2016.

2016 Awards System

At each assembly, classroom teachers will present Bronze Awards for various achievements. These may be collected, (5 Bronze), to qualify for Silver & Gold Awards & ultimately special Principals awards.

Silver Awards - Once students have earned five Silver Awards; they can trade in their awards to receive a Gold Award.

Gold Awards - Once students have earned two Gold Awards they will be eligible to attend the Principal’s Award Activity.

Principal’s Award Activity - Once achieving this status your child’s hard work will be rewarded with an invitation to attend a special event.

Please see attached “Student Achievement & Awards Structure” for more detailed information.
The Empire Vale ART GROUP

Are you looking for a creative outlet or would like to make new friends?

Empire Vale art group

As part of our school’s commitment to The Arts, Mrs Rantissi is starting an Empire Vale art group for interested parents and community members. This will provide an outlet to both socialise and learn new skills.

The first ‘Empire Vale Art Group’ will start Thursday the 25th Feb at 1:45 – 2.50pm. The sessions will be held at school in the creative arts room. (Next to the Junior Class)

All art materials will be supplied by Empire Vale PS and no artistic experience is necessary!

Just come along with a positive frame of mind and a willingness to get creative.

Puzzles and pencils will be provided by the school to keep toddlers busy, if they are joining us, and an afternoon tea will be provided.

Please contact the school by Tuesday the 23rd so that we can better prepare for this creative event.

Attachments

• Student Achievement / Awards
• Structure Information

Up & Coming Events

February

Thursday 18th (qualifying students)
Far North Coast (Zone) PSSA Cricket
Venue: Brunswick Heads (boys)

Wednesday 24th
Debating Workshop
Venue: Lennox Head P.S

Thursday 25th (interested parents/community)
The Empire Vale Art Group
Venue: EVPS (1.45-2.50pm)

Friday 26th (qualifying students)
Far North Coast (Zone) PSSA Swimming Carnival
Venue: Murwillumbah Aquatic Centre

March

Tuesday 8th (Parent & Community)
P&C Meeting 7pm
Venue: Senior Class - EVPS

Wednesday 9th (qualifying students)
NC (Regional) PSSA Swimming Carnival
Venue: Kempsey

Thursday 17th (qualifying students)
SXCSS General Knowledge
Venue: Ballina PS (TBC)

Friday 18th (qualifying students)
PSSA Winter Sporting Trials
Venue: Saunders Oval & Kingsford Smith (TBC)

Friday 25th – Monday 28th
Easter Long Weekend
## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

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<td>1 whole day of learning each week</td>
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Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day... Check the time your school starts. DON’T BE LATE!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed... Every day counts!
IMPORTANT REMINDER
Safe Road Habits = Safe Kids!

Two Pedestrian Collisions in Ballina - Ballina Police attended two separate accidents involving pedestrians earlier this week.

At 4.05pm Monday a 9 year old girl was struck by a Volkswagen on The Ridgeway, Cumbalum. The young girl had just got off the school bus when she walked behind the bus and crossed the road. The oncoming Volkswagen didn’t have a chance to brake and the 9 year old was hit. Emergency services were called to the scene and the girl was conveyed to Lismore Base Hospital where she is being treated for head and chest injuries.

While police were still on the scene in Cumbalum, another pedestrian accident was broadcast. Two boys ages 13 and 15 were hit while riding their bike and scooter across Kerr Street & Bangalow Road, Ballina. This was against the crossing signal. The boys suffered head and shoulder injuries and were conveyed to Ballina Hospital.

It’s a timely reminder to parents to educate your children in the safe habits of crossing the road, especially young children getting off the bus. Parents should wait on the same side of the road as the bus to avoid children having to cross the road. If this isn’t possible, teach the children to cross after the bus has gone.

Weeks ago we sadly attended the scene of another pedestrian accident in Goonellabah. A much loved elderly resident from Regency Crescent had got off the bus and walked out from behind it. She was struck by an oncoming vehicle and suffered life threatening injuries, passing away shortly after.

Stated the Richmond LAC, Crime Prevention Officer Senior Constable Laleynya Ryan

Canteen Procedures

- **ALL** items ordered from the canteen are to be written on a paper bag with your child’s name. Please place the correct money in the bag.
- A separate order is required for recess & lunch items.
- CORRECT money please. We don’t always have change available to send home.
- Orders to be placed in notes box Wednesday morning, (located in front of office).
- Canteen recommences in Week 2 of EACH term.

EVER WANTED TO PLAY HOCKEY?
We are looking for new Junior Hockey Players for Alstonville Hockey Club.
Season: April- August 2016: Training Starts March
Fees: $70
(Includes New Stick, Shin Guards & Ball for New Players)
Games are played Saturday mornings
Ages 4-6yrs- Goonellabah Hockey fields
Ages 6-15yrs- Goonellabah and Ballina Hockey fields
Turf Fees TBA- Sponsorship desired
Please Contact ASAP to register
Under 9’s & Minkies (4-6 yrs) - Kate and Joshua Collins 0438111538
Under 13’s, 15’s & Under 11’s- Glen Hunter 0402674525

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 3PM
@ GAP Road Hockey Fields Alstonville
Come along for some games, meet new people and BBQ
RSVP- Glen Hunter (President) 0402674525